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Top Stories

- President Donald Trump is dropping his administration's demand in trade negotiations for China to halt what the U.S. government called "Chinese government-conducted, sponsored, and tolerated cyber intrusions into US commercial networks," according to several people briefed on the matter, instead likely opting to accept a watered-down commitment from Chinese officials in its place. Chinese officials have insisted that the cybertheft allegations are unfounded, and a source said a number of issues have been "jettisoned from this negotiation" because the U.S. president wants a deal. (Financial Times)

- U.S. Attorney General William Barr is recusing himself from the Justice

Department's review of T-Mobile US Inc.'s proposed merger with Sprint Corp., according to a source with direct knowledge of the matter, to avoid any possible conflicts of interest tied to his time spent on Time Warner's board until it was acquired by AT&T Inc. and his stock options with the latter company. Makan Delrahim, head of the department's antitrust division, will now have the final say in the Justice Department's review of the deal. (New York Post)

- Apple Inc. reported a profit drop of 16 percent to $11.56 billion in its first-quarter earnings report, along with a 5 percent revenue dip to $58.02 billion. Though iPhone sales fell 17 percent to roughly $31 billion amid competition in China and more users retaining their devices, Chief Executive Tim Cook said consumers in China have been reacting positively to Apple's move to lower iPhone prices and offer financing programs. (The Wall Street Journal)

Chart Review

Most Voters Say Sri Lanka Was Right to Cut Off Social Media Access
Morning Consult

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/01/2019

Milken Institute Global Conference 2019

Facebook's F8 Developers Conference

Consumer Technology Association's invite-only CES on the Hill

House Appropriations Committee's budget hearing for the

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency	9:30 am
Senate Commerce Committee's hearing on data privacy legislation from the consumer perspective	10:00 am
Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing with Attorney General William Barr on Mueller Report	10:00 am
New America and the Anti-Defamation League's Exploring Online Hate event	11:00 am
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's discussion on what the U.S.- China tech wars mean for Main Street	12:00 pm
Democracy Journal's "The U.S. Vs. China: Who Will Win the Future?" event	12:00 pm

05/02/2019

MIT Technology Review on the Business of Blockchain	
Infiltrate	
International Association of Privacy Professionals privacy conference	
Hoover Institution on big tech and open internet, including Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo.	1:30 pm
DOJ workshop on competition in TV and digital advertising	1:30 pm

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Infiltrate	
THOTCON	
International Association of Privacy Professionals privacy conference	
DOJ workshop on competition in TV and digital advertising	9:30 am
Silicon Flatirons daylong event on artificial intelligence and machines	9:30 am

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Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt Stepping Down From Alphabet Board

Mark Bergen, Bloomberg

Eric Schmidt, the former chief executive officer of Google and one of the largest stakeholders in parent company Alphabet Inc., will step down from Alphabet's board in June.

SEC commissioner decries agency's deal with Tesla's Musk
Alexandria Sage and Mekhla Raina, Reuters

A U.S. Securities and Exchange commissioner on Tuesday criticized a settlement between the regulator and Tesla Inc CEO Elon Musk over his use of Twitter. The head of the electric car maker reached a deal with the SEC on Friday, agreeing to submit his public statements about the company's finances and other topics to vetting by its legal counsel.

WikiLeaks founder Assange sentenced to 50 weeks in UK jail for skipping bail
David Reid, CNBC

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been sentenced to 50 weeks in jail for ignoring a British court order seven years ago and taking refuge in Ecuador's London embassy. Assange, arrested on April 11 after the Ecuadorian government gave him up, was sentenced at Southwark Crown Court in London on Wednesday.

Amazon will open a new Denver office, add 400 jobs
Abrar Al-Heeti, CNET

Amazon is opening a new office in downtown Denver and adding 400 new high-tech jobs, the company said Tuesday. This expansion of its Denver hub will more than double Amazon's tech workforce in the area.

Foxconn CEO meeting at White House, reasons unclear
The Associated Press

Foxconn Technology Group CEO Terry Gou is headed to the White House for a meeting, but it's unclear why. Foxconn has committed to building a $10 billion display screen manufacturing facility in Wisconsin that the company says will employ 13,000 people.

Silicon Valley is awash in Chinese and Saudi cash - and no one is paying attention (except Trump)

Theodore Schleifer, Vox

Mohammed bin Salman knows how to command an audience. One year ago, the charismatic 32-year-old heir to the Saudi throne had four of Silicon Valley's biggest celebrity investors - Sam Altman, Marc Andreessen, Peter Thiel, and Vinod Khosla - seated couchside around him discussing potential "partnerships" with his country as he invited the foursome to visit the kingdom.

Ro Khanna and the tensions of Silicon Valley liberalism
Ezra Klein, Vox

Ro Khanna first ran for Congress in 2004. It was the apex of post-9/11 politics, and Khanna, then a 27-year-old idealistic intellectual property lawyer, was furious that Tom Lantos, the long-serving Democrat from California, had supported not just the Iraq War but the Patriot Act.

If Silicon Valley were a country, it would be among the richest on Earth
Levi Pulkkinen, The Guardian

Were it real, the Sultanate of Silicon Valley would be among the world's richest countries. Cranking out $128,308 per capita in annual gross domestic product (GDP), residents in California's tech belt out-produce almost every nation on the planet.

U.S. Futures Advance, Treasuries Steady Before Fed: Markets Wrap
Yakob Peterseil, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures advanced on Wednesday following an upbeat forecast from Apple Inc. and as holidays in much of Asia and Europe weighed on trading. Treasuries and the dollar were in a holding pattern ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy decision.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

YouTube CEO addresses top creator issues including copyright claims and trending section
Julia Alexander, The Verge

YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki published a blog post today addressing some of creators' biggest concerns and frustrations, including copyright claims removing ads from their videos, the site's trending section not showing some of the most popular uploads, and comments being removed for family vloggers.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Ajit Pai-proposed upgrade to 25Mbps starts paying off for rural ISPs
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

More than 106,000 rural homes and small businesses in 43 US states will get access to 25Mbps broadband at some point in the next decade thanks to a Federal Communications Commission policy change. The FCC's Connect America Fund (CAF), which distributes money to ISPs in exchange for new broadband deployments in underserved areas, had been requiring speeds of just 10Mbps downstream and 1Mbps upstream over the past few years.

U.S. cyber official, British telcos to discuss Huawei in London meeting
Jack Stubbs and Kate Holton, Reuters

Security officials from British telecoms operators are to meet with the leading U.S. diplomat on cybersecurity in London on Tuesday to discuss the risks of equipment made by China's Huawei, according to five people familiar with the matter. The closed-door meeting comes after sources told Reuters last week that Britain has decided to bar China's Huawei Technologies from the core of its 5G network but will still allow it in non-core parts with some increased restrictions.

'Striding Across the Pacific': Huawei's Identity Problem
Li Yuan, The New York Times

The Huawei Technologies founder Ren Zhengfei once recommended that his senior executives watch a TV series called "Proof of Identity." In that 2009 series, a Communist spy who had infiltrated the Nationalist army during China's civil war struggles for years to prove his loyalty and identity after the Communists prevail.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook's Zuckerberg Preaches Privacy, But Evidence Is Elusive
Kurt Wagner and Selina Wang, Bloomberg

Facebook Inc. Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg stood on stage Tuesday at the company's annual F8 conference in San Jose, California, in front of a giant screen sharing a simple message: "The future is private."

Social media remains key to Venezuela's opposition, despite efforts to block it
Drew Harwell and Mariana Zuñiga, The Washington Post

Venezuela's state-run Internet service on Tuesday appeared to cut off broad swaths of the nation's social-media and messaging sites, taking aim at the most critical ways Venezuelans had organized protests and communicated with family amid military clashes and violent unrest.

Apple Is Telling Lawmakers People Will Hurt Themselves if They Try to Fix iPhones
Jason Koebler, Motherboard

In recent weeks, an Apple representative and a lobbyist for CompTIA, a trade organization that represents big tech companies, have been privately meeting with legislators in California to encourage them to kill legislation that would make it easier for consumers to repair their electronics, Motherboard has learned.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

DHS gave border agents free rein over thousands of warrantless device searches
Alfred Ng, CNET

Police are required to get a warrant to search through your devices, but the Department of Homeland Security's border patrol agents haven't been following those rules, documents show. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation filed evidence in court on Tuesday detailing testimony and documents on how the DHS has allowed its agents to

search through people's phones and laptops without a warrant.

Lawmakers want to stop a future filled with smart devices and bad security
Alfred Ng, CNET

Before smart devices fill up millions of homes, a Senate hearing on Tuesday looked to figure out how to keep them safe from hackers.

Russian charged with stealing $1.5 million in hacks on U.S. tax preparers
Jeff Stone, CyberScoop

U.S. authorities have charged a Russian citizen in a scam that netted $1.5 million through bogus tax returns between June 2014 and November 2016, the Department of Justice announced Monday.

'Significant work' remains for Census to address IT, cybersecurity ahead of 2020
Tajha Chappellet-Lanier, FedScoop

The U.S. is now just 11 months away from Census Day 2020, and still "significant work" remains for the agency in addressing its IT and cybersecurity challenges. This was the upshot of the Government Accountability Office's testimony during a House Committee on Appropriations hearing Tuesday.

Auto industry says cybersecurity is a significant concern as cars become more automated
Fredrick Kunkle, The Washington Post

The auto industry is downplaying the immediate risk of car-hacking after a report about a cyber-intruder's use of GPS trackers that allowed him to monitor the location of thousands of vehicles in commercial fleets and even turn off their engines.

Amazon's facial-recognition technology is supercharging local police
Drew Harwell, The Washington Post

When workers at an Ace Hardware here reported a young woman had walked out of the store with an $11.99 tank of welding gas that she hadn't paid for in her tote bag, an elaborate high-tech crime-fighting operation sprang into

action. A Washington County sheriff's detective, working with the agency's Special Investigations Unit, ran the store's surveillance footage through an internal facial-recognition program built by Amazon, revealing a possible match.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Strengthen IP Protections or Risk Being Left Behind
Philip Thompson, Morning Consult

On the eve of World IP Day, several scientific breakthroughs are rocking the health world. Ja'Ceon Golden and seven other toddlers who took part in a joint St. Jude Research Hospital and University of California study are now able to live happy, adventurous childhoods full of warm hugs and kisses from their loved ones.

How to keep the robots from taking jobs
José García and Madeline Janis, Politico

Amid the public discussion of the changing nature of work and the possibility that computers and robots could displace more American workers, a crucial fact has largely escaped notice: Taxpayers are often subsidizing the transition to automation.

These Ads Think They Know You
Stuart A. Thompson, The New York Times

Nearly every ad you see online is tailored just for you. These digital ads are powered by vast, hidden datasets that allow advertisers to make eerily accurate guesses about who you are, where you've been, how you feel and what you might do next.

Research Reports

Grand Theft Data II: The Drivers and Shifting State of Data Breaches
McAfee

Confidential information continues to be extracted from organizations around

the world, despite increases in security technology and security education spending. Essential tools, such as data loss prevention (DLP) and endpoint detection and response (EDR) that could stop a majority of these breaches remain stubbornly under-deployed or are running in monitor mode.

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